

Legislative Update

Summary: This report includes a description of AB 157 (Jeffries), that amends the provisions of the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.

AB 157 (Jeffries)

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

According to the author, a smaller price tag will improve the measure's chances when it goes to the voters in November, 2012.

DESCRIPTION

This bill would amend the provisions of SBX7 2 (Cogdill, 2009) by reducing the total amount of bonds authorized to be issued by 25% and would make conforming reductions to amounts to be allocated from these bond funds. Total amount of authorized bonds is reduced from \$11.14 billion to \$8.355 billion.

- **Chapter 5: Drought Relief - \$341.250 million**
 - Makes \$142.5 million available for local and regional projects that reduce drought impacts including the impacts of reductions in delta diversions. Eligible projects include water conservation and recycling, groundwater cleanup, conveyance, and emergency water storage. San Diego County is scheduled to receive \$75 million of this amount.
 - Makes \$67.5 million available for grants to disadvantaged communities for drought relief projects.
 - Makes \$56.25 million available for grants for small community waste treatment projects that meet specified criteria.
 - Makes \$60 million available to the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.
 - Makes \$15 million available for New River water quality projects.
- **Chapter 6: Water Supply Reliability - \$1.05 billion**
 - Makes \$787.5 million available for grants for eligible projects included in adopted integrated regional water management plans. The funds are allocated to 12 specified hydrologic regions plus an amount (\$37.5 million) for interregional, multiregional and statewide projects. Of the amount for interregional grants, \$7.5 million is scheduled for the UC Merced Sierra Nevada Research Institute to conduct analyses of the effect of climate change on snow pack and runoff.
 - Makes \$262.5 million available to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for grants for local and regional conveyance projects that meet specified conditions and benefits. A minimum cost share of 50 percent is specified.

- **Chapter 7: Delta Sustainability - \$1.6875 billion**

- Makes \$562.5 million available for grant funds to Delta cities and counties for projects (capped at 50% of project cost) that support Delta sustainability and dedicates specified amounts for wastewater treatment (\$37.5 million) and replacement of lost property taxes due to agricultural lands retirement (\$187.5 million).
- Makes \$1.125 billion available for projects to protect and enhance the Delta ecosystem including projects included in the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP), fish and wildlife restoration, mercury contamination reduction, and reduction of peat soil oxidation.

- **Chapter 8: Statewide Water System Operational Improvement - \$2.25 billion**

- Makes \$2.25 billion available, and continuously appropriated, to the California Water Commission (Commission) for the public benefit costs of surface and groundwater storage projects and conjunctive use projects (capped at 50% of project cost), subject to specified criteria and conditions.
- Requires the Commission to adopt methods for quantification and management of the public benefits portion of qualified storage projects before December 15, 2012.
- Provides for creation of local joint powers authorities to design and construct storage projects using authorized public benefits funds.

- **Chapter 9: Conservation and Watershed Protection - \$1.33875 billion**

- Makes a total of \$1.33875 billion available for various specified watersheds for expenditures and grants for ecosystem and watershed protection and restoration projects.
- Of the total, dedicates \$187.5 million to the Coastal Conservancy for coastal county and watershed projects; dedicates \$75 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board (Board) for water right acquisitions and water conveyance to benefit migratory birds; and dedicates \$161.25 million to the Board for protection and restoration of watershed lands, rivers, and streams that support threatened and endangered species.
- Of the total, dedicates \$480 million to various state conservancies and state agencies for specified programs and projects.
- Of the total, dedicates \$75 million to Forestry and Fire Protection for fuel control and forest restoration projects.
- Of the total, dedicates \$187.5 million for dam removal on the Klamath River, subject to specified conditions.
- Of the total, dedicates \$15 million to Siskiyou County for economic development.
- Of the total, dedicates \$37.5 million to Fresno State University for agricultural water supply research and education.
- Of the total, dedicates \$37.5 million to the Coastal Conservancy for qualified ocean research projects.

- Of the total, dedicates \$45 million to the Natural Resources Agency for salmonids fish passage improvements.
 - Of the total, dedicates \$37.5 million to the Board to capitalize a public infrastructure revolving fund mitigation program.
- **Chapter 10: Groundwater Protection and Water Quality - \$750 million**
 - Makes \$750 million available to Public Health for projects to prevent or reduce groundwater contamination of drinking water.
- **Chapter 11: Water Recycling/Water Use Efficiency Programs - \$937.5 million**
 - Makes \$750 million available for competitive grants and loans for water recycling, contaminant and salt removal, desalination, and groundwater recharge projects. A minimum 50 percent local cost share is required.
 - Makes \$187.5 million available for competitive grants and loans for water conservation and water efficiency planning for urban water agencies, agricultural water suppliers, and for the development of agricultural water management plans.
- **Chapter 12: Fiscal Provisions**
 - Limits the amount of bonds sold before July 1, 2015 to \$4.1775 billion.

List of Attachments

Attachment 1: Other Bills of Interest

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- AB 157** (**Jeffries R**) **Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012.**
Introduced: 1/19/2011
Status: 1/20/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee February 19.
Summary: Would reduce by 25% the total amount of bonds authorized to be issued pursuant to the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012, and would make conforming reductions to amounts specified to be allocated from these bond funds for certain purposes. This bill contains other related provisions.
- AB 262** (**Harkey R**) **California regional water quality control boards: boundaries.**
Introduced: 2/7/2011
Status: 2/8/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.
Summary: Would revise the description of the boundaries of the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- AB 275** (**Solorio D**) **Rainwater Capture Act of 2011.**
Introduced: 2/7/2011
Status: 2/8/2011-From printer. May be heard in committee March 10.
Summary: Would enact the Rainwater Capture Act of 2011, which would authorize landowners to install, maintain, and operate rain barrel systems, as defined, and rainwater capture systems, as defined, for specified purposes, provided that the systems comply with specified requirements. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- ABX1 7** (**Logue R**) **General Fund: fines.**
Introduced: 12/6/2010
Status: 12/7/2010-From printer.
Summary: Would require, notwithstanding any other law, that any fine or penalty imposed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation, the Department of Toxic Substances Control, the State Air Resources Board, or the State Water Resources Control Board for a violation of a regulation adopted by that state agency be deposited into the General Fund. The bill would also make a statement of findings. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- ACA 4** (**Blumenfield D**) **Local government financing: voter approval.**
Introduced: 12/6/2010
Status: 12/7/2010-From printer. May be heard in committee January 6.
Summary: Would create an additional exception to the 1% limit for a rate imposed by a city, county, city and county, or special district, as defined, to service bonded indebtedness incurred to fund specified public improvements and facilities, or buildings used primarily to provide sheriff, police, or fire protection services, that is approved by 55% of the voters of the city, county, city and county, or special district, as applicable. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- SB 34** (**Simitian D**) **Water infrastructure projects: fees.**
Introduced: 12/6/2010
Status: 1/20/2011-Referred to Com. on RLS.
Summary: Would declare the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to develop a fee-based system to pay for costs associated with updating and modernizing water infrastructure projects in the state. The bill would express legislative intent with respect to the imposition of the fees and use of the fee revenues.
- SB 52** (**Steinberg D**) **Water quality: Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District.**
Introduced: 12/15/2010
Status: 1/20/2011-Referred to Com. on E.Q.
Summary: Would appropriate \$50,000,000 to the department from the above bond acts, as specified, to provide financial assistance to the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to offset rate increases associated with the costs of capital improvements to the district's regional sewage treatment plant as a result of the issuance of a specified national pollutant discharge elimination system permit and waste discharge requirements. This bill contains other existing laws.
- SB 200** (**Wolk D**) **State water facilities: Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: Delta conveyance facility.**
Introduced: 2/8/2011
Status: 2/9/2011-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 11.
Summary: Would prohibit the construction of a new Delta conveyance facility, as defined, unless specified conditions are met, including (A) the adoption of an agreement by the Department of Water Resources and the Department of Fish and Game that specifies the stages of construction of the new Delta conveyance facility and (B) the establishment plans and agreements for the construction of specified water facilities and implementation of specified water programs meeting prescribed conditions as part of the state Central Valley Project. The bill would prohibit the transportation of water for the federal Central Valley Project through state project facilities, with specified exceptions, unless certain conditions are met. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.
- SB 224** (**Pavley D**) **Public Contracts: Department of Water Resources.**
Introduced: 2/9/2011
Status: 2/10/2011-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.

Summary: Would also exempt from that law specified contracts entered into by the Department of Water Resources, but would exclude from that exemption contracts for the sale, delivery, or use of water or power from the State Water Resources Development System.

SB 235

(Negrete McLeod D) Water and flood districts: reorganization of district governing board.

Introduced: 2/9/2011

Status: 2/10/2011-From printer. May be acted upon on or after March 12.

Summary: Would authorize the governing board of a district, as defined, to reorganize the district to reduce the total membership of the governing board by a resolution adopted by a majority vote of the board. The bill would prescribe procedures for the reorganization of the governing board of the district, including procedures for the reapportionment of division boundaries within the district in those districts that elect directors based on their residence within a division of the district, and procedures for the appointment of members of the governing board to the remaining seats on a recognized board. The bill would require a district that reorganizes its governing board pursuant to these provisions to notify specified local agencies.

Total Measures: 10

Total Tracking Forms: 10